The Spirit's Sovereign Will

1 Corinthians 12:11 (series #47)

Introduction: the people of faith in Hebrews 11

- some experienced miracles vv. 24-35a

- some did not experience miracles vv. 35b-39

I. The Holy Spirit gifts "each one individually"

- A. Every Christian is gifted to serve v. 7
- B. Involvement leads you to your giftedness

II. The Holy Spirit decides the gifts "as He wills"

- A. It is the Spirit's choice, not ours
- B. Hebrews 2:3-4
 - 1. The Apostles' miracles were the Spirit's will
 - 2. The Spirit chooses when to use miracles
 - 3. Miracles are not always effective
 - a. John 6
 - b. Matthew 12:39
 - c. Luke 23:8
 - d. Luke 16
 - e. John 11-12
 - f. John 12:37
 - g. Matthew 28:11-15

Conclusion: Are you serving, functioning, contributing?